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- (a) (1) In this subsection, "surface mining related activities" does not include the activities of any coal washing preparation coal plant.
- (2) A county shall exempt from any county tax personal property that is:
- (i) used primarily in surface mining related activities, however operated and whether or not in use; and
- (ii) 1. owned by a person subject to the tax imposed under  $\S 20-302$  of this subtitle; or
- 2. leased by a person subject to the tax imposed under § 20–302 of this subtitle if, under the terms of the lease, the lessor is responsible for the personal property tax.
- (b) Notwithstanding the exemption of any personal property from county taxation under this section, the property exempted in a county shall continue to be included in the assessable base of the county for the purposes of any other law.

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